



March 7 Primary Election Results



Thomas Tryon won the race for Calaveras County Supervisor with 1,592 Votes (52.0%).



Gail Lightfoot in her race for US Senate received 112,252 or 1.7% of the votes. See Gail's press release on page 6.



Bonnie Flickinger received 3955 votes or 4.6% of the votes cast. Her comments on the Primary reflect the feelings of many candidates: "We have just begun to fight!"

LIBERTARIANS FOR PRESIDENT

Five candidates were on the California ballot in the March Primary Election. Our candidates received a total of 31,143 votes. More than half (19,674) of those votes came from "cross-over" voters (folks who are registered as Republicans, Democrats and other parties). Cross-over votes are shown in parenthesis. The reverse side of the cross-over vote is that significant numbers of registered Libertarians voted for "other" parties.

Candidates for President CA Votes

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Dave Hollist 2,344 (1,605)

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Kip Lee 3,723 (3,046)

530-245-0330

Larry Hines (withdrew Lib. candidacy) 2,780 (1,924)

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TWO SEEKING TO BE VICE PRESIDENT

The LP nominee for Vice President is chosen by the convention after the nomination for President has been made. Ken and Art are actively seeking to be Vice President.

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PROP. 26 WAS DEFEATED

THE TAXPAYERS HAVE WON!

Good news: Prop. 26 was defeated.

Bad News: Son of Prop. 26 may be coming.

See page 5 for more information.

WE HAVE JUST BEGUN TO FIGHT!

November campaign now at full speed

One of the most promising campaigns in LPC history kicked off the day after the March primary. "Now we know who's running against me in November," three-time Libertarian winner Bonnie Flickinger said of the 65th Assembly District results.

Flickinger, who has been an elected Libertarian for eight years, is the Mayor pro tem of Moreno Valley, a city of 140,000 residents. She is our candidate for an open seat in the State Assembly.

Her opponents are a Democrat who has never held elective office and a Republican who used to be mayor of a city of 10,000 residents.

Her campaign team chose not to expend any resources on the primary election, because the result would have been the same whether she got 50 votes or 50,000 votes. Her name will be on the Libertarian ticket in November — the election that really counts.

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For complete election results:
<http://Vote2000.ss.ca.gov>

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SUCCESSFUL LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Working Woman magazine published my letter to the editor—with top billing! I would encourage women to send letters to the editors of the magazines. Let them know that there are many women that don't have their same socialistic views.

I appreciated in your column (Perspectives on the Hill) the brief, yet accurate line... "Not all women have this position on the [gun] issue."

All too often all women are lumped into this "Let's-blame-the-government-we-need-more-useless-laws-tax-spend-and-regulate" Democrat mentality. That shortsighted view makes me not want to be a part of any national women's organizations that speak such lies. I'm glad to see that NAFE (National Association for Female Executives) at least is starting to recognize that not all women back a huckster President and that blaming and wanting bigger government only hurts us from getting to the root of the problems in America.

It would be nice to see more published articles that showed different perspective—perhaps some written by a Libertarian.

Kristi Stone, kristi@on-the-net.com

PRESIDENTIAL DEBATES

The bi-partisan Commission on Presidential Debates has announced the adoption of concrete criterion for whom they will invite to the nationally-televised presidential debates. A candidate must achieve at least a 15 percent showing in five national polls one week before each debate. It puts the pollsters and media in control of the debates as well as the platforms of the unprincipled Republocrats, but at least they've developed a standard.

The 1996 Presidential debates were the least watched in history, and featured only Dole and Clinton. Reform nominee Perot and Natural Law nominee Hagelin filed lawsuits to try to force the Commission to include them, favoring a criterion of allowing candidates who are on the ballots in states totaling at least a majority of electoral votes. In 1996, this was only 6 candidates. The Commission on Presidential Debates rejected such criteria, citing "250 candidates" that they would have to invite.

Had the Commission adopted the criterion that the candidates be on the ballot in all 50 states, in the last three elections there would have been only Republican, Democrat, Libertarian and perhaps Reform, but the Libertarian would have addressed fundamental issues the Republocrats don't want discussed.

Bill Holmes, WTHolmes@compuserve.com

THIRD PARTY: THREE COMMENTS

Let's stop using these two words "third party" together. They equate to "losers" in the mind of the voters. Alternative, other, second, etc., are much more effective and more representative words.

I always refer to us as The SECOND PARTY, since all others are merely separate corporate entities of one giant income tax lobby/special interest conglomerate. It's "positioning"....

Carpe Diem (seize the day),

Richard B. Boddie, rboddie@earthlink.net

I absolutely agree we should eliminate the term "third party" from everyone's vocabulary. It's outrageous to assume that, among 270,000,000 Americans, there are only two significant political parties and everyone else is in third place. Use of this term perpetuates the two-party-system myth.

My favorite term for the Republicrats and Demopublicans are "the old parties". And the Libertarian Party as the newer, younger, more dynamic party.

For liberty in our lifetime,

Bonnie Flickinger, bflickinger@earthlink.net

As far as terminology goes, I have tried using the "second party" handle at various events. It doesn't seem to have the impact I had hoped it would.

I now use terminology such as "fastest growing party in California" or "the party of principle" or "the only party of 'choice' (in all personal decisions)."

Colin Goldman

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NATIONAL SALES TAX vs. INCOME TAX

One useful resource for understanding how a National Sales Tax would be superior to the Income Tax is www.fairtax.org. Their point of view isn't exactly Libertarian (they claim to be non-partisan), but I think the practical advantages run in a rather clearly libertarian direction.

In particular, the Sales Tax requires far less intrusion into our personal financial lives: no reporting at all for most individuals and families. Even for those commercial entities which would have to collect the sales tax, the reporting is far less intrusive than the corporate or personal income tax it would replace.

Shal_Farley@CompuServe.com

Feel Free to Quote

"The decadence of a government can be measured by the opulence of its publicly funded shrines..."

J.R. (nobody) Graham

April 2000

OPINION

From the Chair:

WE HAVE JUST BEGUN TO FIGHT!

I have taken my title from the words of Bonnie Flickinger. We have just come through a record-breaking and challenging primary election. We had a record number of Libertarian candidates running. A record number of presidential candidates, and about a dozen running for non-partisan offices. Among those running for non-partisan office was WINNER Tom Tryon who campaigned in a hard-fought re-election bid for Calaveras County Supervisor.



MARK HINKLE

Proposition 26 which would have lowered the required vote from 2/3 to 1/2 for the approval of bonds was fought strenuously by many Libertarians, both candidates and members. In response to an editorial on March 18 in *The San Diego Union-Tribune* calling for a new vote on Prop. 26, the paper ran a group of six letters, all in opposition to the newspaper's position. Five of those six letters were written by Libertarians. Libertarians continue to write incisive letters to the editor about many topics including the intrusive census, gun rights, decriminalization of drugs, and government excesses.

Many people plan their summer vacations now so be sure to include plans to attend the Libertarian Party National Convention between June 30 and July 3. We are fortunate to have the convention in Anaheim, here in California. Take advantage of this great opportunity! And, yes it's right near Disneyland, so bring the whole family.

The price of liberty is eternal vigilance. As we continue to build for the future, there are ways you can help; both with labor and with money.



A Few Ways to Help Grow the Libertarian Party of California

1. Sign up a spouse, a neighbor, a co-worker, or a friend as a dues paying member of the LPC. Many hands lighten the load.
2. Run for a local, non partisan office or support those who do.
3. Write letters to the editor fostering the ideas of freedom and try to mention the word libertarian, especially if you're a candidate.
4. Stay vigilant. Just because Prop. 26 was defeated does not mean that it is settled once and for all. The tax-and-spend folks are already preparing a follow-up proposition that we must continue to fight.

There are many ways to help the financial future of the Libertarian Party of California. Here are just a few ideas.

1. Pay your membership dues promptly so we don't have to send multiple notices. Also consider increasing your level of support, from basic to sustaining, from sustaining to sponsor, from sponsor to patron. Or even to Life membership if you've had a good year!
2. Monthly credit card pledges provide us with a predictable income and that means more publicity for the LPC and our candidates. Pledging is the cheapest form of fund raising we do. Over 95 cents of every dollar goes to fund our projects.
3. Your business may be able to advertise here in the newsletter. The costs are listed below. This may be a tax-deductible way to help!

There are many needs and many ways to help. Find the ways that work for you! Your freedom depends on it.

Yours in Liberty, Mark Hinkle

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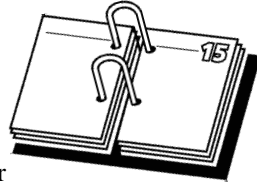
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CALENDAR

April 28, 29, 30

Great Western Show which is advertised as the world's largest firearms, blade and militaria show. For the first time, it will be held at the Las Vegas Convention Center in Nevada. The show was denied use of the Los Angeles County Fairgrounds this year. Web site: www.greatwesternshow.com. E-mail: info@greatwesternshow.com



May 13, 14

Santa Cruz Industrial Hemp Expo 2000. Good opportunity for Northern CA candidates to meet forward-thinking people. Admission is \$6. Santa Cruz Auditorium at 307 Church St., Santa Cruz CA. Web site: <http://www.cruzexpo.com> E-mail: info@cruzexpo.com

Thanks to Mark Hilgenberg for the "heads up."

June 30 to July 4

Libertarian Party National Convention will be held in Anaheim. California has 256 delegates. Web site: www.lp.org/conv/2000/

July 23 - 28

International Society for Individual Liberty (ISIL) will celebrate their 20th Anniversary World Libertarian Conference at the University of Western Ontario in London, Ontario, Canada. For more information: E-mail: info@libertyconferences.com Web site: www.libertyconferences.com Toll-free Phone 1-800-226-2405

September 15, 16, 17

Great Western Show, see April 28, 29, 30 description above.

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Libertarian Ballot Initiatives on the Web

John David Galt has created a web page for libertarian ballot initiatives. His web site is an individual effort: he does not represent any party or organization and does not accept funds from any source.

<http://www.diogenes.sacramento.ca.us/jdg/initiatives.html>

All you need to do is print out the initiatives, sign and/or circulate them and mail the signed copies of each measure back to its proponent. Some of the initiatives available for downloading are:

Californians for Same-Sex marriage (Deadline 4/21)

School Vouchers 2000 (deadline 5/8)

Local Government Fees (deadline 5/26)

Right to Keep and Bear Arms (deadline 6/5)

Note that initiative signatures should be mailed a week or more BEFORE the deadline shown.

You can E-mail John at: John_David_Galt@acm.org.

Administrative Position Available

The Libertarian Party of California is looking for a dedicated, hard working individual to join our staff in Los Angeles as an Administrative Assistant.

Job responsibilities include bookkeeping and fund-raising data entry, filing, administering day-to-day activities of the office, serving LPC member needs, assisting the Executive Director, handling mail and e-mail inquiries, and answering phones.

Qualified candidates should have computer/Internet experience (database experience preferred), strong writing and communication skills, attention to detail, strong organizational skills. Position is part-time (20 hours per week) beginning in June.

Mail or Fax resume to:

Libertarian Party of California,
5713 Hazeltine Ave., #1, Van Nuys, CA 91401.
Fax: (818) 782-8488.

SAVE THESE DATES:

Libertarian Party NATIONAL Convention will be held in Anaheim, CA between

June 30 and July 4, 2000.

Web site for information: www.lp.org/conv/2000/

Are you a delegate?

A new list has been created for delegates to discuss business, strategy and proposals before the convention.

To subscribe to this list: send message to:

LP-National-Delegates-on@list.LibertarianActivist.org

AROUND THE STATE

We Have Just Begun To Fight!

(continued from front page)

In spite of not waging a campaign, Flickinger drew more than 3 times the number of votes that were cast by Libertarians who voted in the primary election. She expects to continue to draw support from Republicrats and Demopublicans, as she has in her previous three victories.

Contact: bflickinger@earthlink.net or at the campaign address: Box 1492, Moreno Valley, CA 92556. (Appropriate box number for a Libertarian: Re-discover America!) ■

Language of Liberty and Peace

There is much verbal violence in the sayings and writings we take in everyday, not only in politics but often also in our personal lives. The language of non-liberty often includes demands (vs. genuine requests), judgments (often we're quite aware of the negative ones, but sometimes "positive" ones can be just as controlling), blame and condemnation (rather than focussing on constructive aspects), hatred, etc. It seems likely that this mode of "communication" tends to shut down positive relating, builds resentments, creates enemies, encourages seeking alternative "solutions" other than communicating/negotiating.

I believe NVC (non-violent communication) has direct relevance to the work of libertarians (well, to everyone actually, but I believe that libertarians are the most likely to embrace it since both NVC and our political philosophy are based on the premise of non-aggression). If you'd like more info, the National Center for Nonviolent Communication has a web site at: <http://www.cnvc.org/main.htm>

John McPherson, jmlib@genius.ucsd.edu

Caller ID Block: Not Always Active

FYI, you cannot block your number when calling 1-800 numbers. The phone company reasons that since the 1-800 party is paying for the call they have the right to know who is calling them. So if you phone 1-800 toll-free numbers, particularly government numbers, just be aware of this fact.

*Don DeGroat, Chair District 50,
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Education:

A Family Affair

The purpose of PAVE2000 (Performance Accountability Voucher for Education) is to restore full responsibility and authority to families for the education of their children. Parents have a fundamental obligation to feed, clothe and shelter their family. Why should feeding their mind be excluded? PAVE2000 presumes that parents are the primary protectors of the life and rights of their children. Therefore, parental choice is essential in the provision of educational resources for their children. For choice in education go to: www.PAVE2000.com.

*Submitted by Jack Hickey,
jackhick@cwnet.com*

Libertarians Can Speak to Republicans!

One interesting problem we Libertarians run into is that, according to the Republican groups' by-laws, non-Republicans are NOT allowed to speak to their groups. But one club found a way to avoid the restriction. The organization held its meeting and then adjourned when I got up to speak. Everyone stayed (and stayed awake!). My topic was bonds and the nefarious Prop. 26. So if the opportunity comes up to speak to Republican groups on allied interests (I suppose the same rules might apply to Democrat groups), remember this ploy as it satisfies their needs. *Richard Rider, RRider@san.rr.com*

PROP. 26 IS DEFEATED—THE TAXPAYERS HAVE WON!

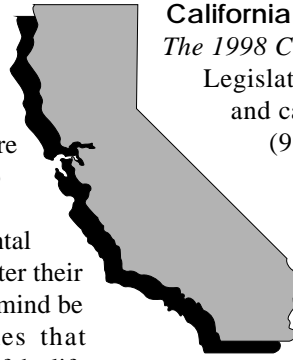
Good news: Prop. 26 was defeated.

Bad News: Son of Prop. 26 may be coming.

Taxpayers were outspent by nearly 20 to one by the Yes on 26 campaign's \$25 million dollar program of deception, but thanks to thousands of grass-roots taxpayer activists we got our message out. Voters rejected Prop. 26 by 51.3% to 48.7%. We wish we could say this is the end of attacks on taxpayers, but it is not. The teachers union is working to qualify a new initiative to allow state taxes to be raised by the Legislature with a simple majority vote, instead of the currently required two-thirds; Jack O'Connell has filed an initiative to increase the state sales tax; and Senator John Burton has pledged to make a new effort to pass SCA 3, which would allow local special taxes for transportation to pass with a majority instead of a two-thirds vote.

We'll keep you informed of our efforts to head off these new attempts to reach more deeply into taxpayers' pockets. Thank you again for all your help. This victory over Prop. 26 belongs to all of us.

*Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association
<http://www.saveourhomes.com/>*



California Information Available

The 1998 Cal Facts published by the Legislative Analyst Office is free and can be ordered by phoning (916) 445-2375 or it can be downloaded from www.lao.ca.gov/98calfacts_toc.html.

While it has the usual government bias, there is good information about spending, taxation and the dropping crime rate in California. The web site www.lao.ca.gov also is a good source of other information about many other aspects of the way California is using your tax dollars.

Rae Marcus

Gas Price High, Taxes Higher!

Why are gas prices so high? Ask our government, Libertarians say. The current wave of gas price increases is a normal market reaction to supply and demand — but endless government meddling makes gas prices much higher than they otherwise would be, the Libertarian Party of California announced. According to the American Petroleum Institute, California has the fourth-highest gas tax rate in the country, totaling 50.4 cents per gallon in federal, state, and local taxes.

LPC Press Release, 3/15/2000

Opportunities for Candidates

Release: Lightfoot campaign for U.S. Senate

LPC TEAM 2000 FORMING

U.S. Senate campaign organizing for November General Election.

Following her success in the March primary, U.S. Senate candidate Gail Lightfoot announced the formation of LPC Team 2000.

"Team 2000's goal is to convince every member of the LPC to join in a serious effort to ensure every voter in California sees signs for Lightfoot for U.S. Senate and for every local candidate in their community," Lightfoot explained.

In the March primary, 112,252 voters cast their ballots for Lightfoot. That number placed her third behind the big-spending Democratic and Republican front runners and sixth in the field of 15. Trailing Lightfoot's vote total were nine other candidates including 3 Republicans. "The potential to attract votes from non-libertarians is clear," Lightfoot commented after the results were available, "We must capitalize on this opportunity for the remainder of the year."

"The primary task before us is to build name recognition for our candidates," Lightfoot said. "We can do that by having the state and local candidates work together in their campaigns, and, whenever possible, include the presidential candidate in local events. We must remember simple name recognition is the first step in attracting votes," she added.

According to Lightfoot, "No one is going to cast a vote for a virtual unknown. Voters like to think they know the candidate and they like to be asked for their vote."

"The LPC membership has to get out there and ask the voter to vote for our candidates. Every member of the LPC can help by joining and participating in Team 2000," Lightfoot continued.

"With candidate budgets strained at every turn, the only way candidates can generate excitement and visibility is for every member of the LPC to help in some way," Lightfoot said.

"Using Internet technology for rapid communication of ideas and tools, we can and will put our names successfully before the voter in 2000," Lightfoot pledged.

Team 2000 headquarters will coordinate production and distribution of signs, bumper stickers, sign, flyer and brochure masters to produce signs locally with instructions and follow up calls from volunteers.

"The goal is name recognition, nothing more. Voters can research our views on issues on the Web or at their local library," Lightfoot stated. "Name recognition is vital to candidates. Issues and position papers are nice and we all have to be prepared to answer tough questions. But the initial phase of any campaign is building name recognition. Lightfoot for U.S. Senate signs on automobiles will reach voters and build needed name recognition."

The Lightfoot for U.S. Senate campaign can be reached at PO Box 598, Pismo Beach, CA 93348.

Log on to www.Lightfoot2000.org or

E-mail to: gklft@aol.com or phone toll-free (877) 616-1776.

Nolan Campaign Offers

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Party Founder David Nolan, who is running for U.S. Congress in California's 47th Congressional District, is offering all Libertarian Congressional candidates the opportunity to have a high-quality, professionally-prepared campaign brochure for only \$99, excluding printing costs.

The Nolan for Congress campaign will send a copy of David's campaign brochure to any Libertarian Congressional candidate who requests one. Just send a stamped, self-addressed business-size (#10) envelope to: Nolan for Congress, PO Box 1149, El Toro CA 92630. Be sure to state that you want a sample campaign brochure.

After looking it over, other Congressional candidates may "crib" as much of the content as they choose, at no charge. Or, for just \$99, the Nolan Campaign will provide other candidates with a customized version of this brochure, using any candidate's name, address, etc. for just \$99. The customized brochure will be provided in a digital format that any technologically savvy printer will be able to use.

The only "strings" attached are that candidates must provide relevant data about themselves by E-mail, and there can be no changes to the main text of the brochure. "One of our motives for offering this service is to insure that Libertarian candidates are presenting a uniform message," says Nolan. "This will make it easy for our candidates to do this, and to present a professional image, at minimal cost." ■

QUICK CHANGE

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AROUND THE STATE

POLITICS AS USUAL

CENSUS APOLOGIZES 6 DECADES LATER!

An Asian-American advocacy group demanded and received an apology from the Census Bureau. The National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium cited new research that Census officials helped the military find and detain Japanese-Americans early in World War II. Census supplied demographic data that identified where people of Japanese ancestry lived, including geographic units as small as city blocks, according to the paper written by William Seltzer of Fordham University in New York and Margo Anderson of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. "We deeply regret any role that the Census Bureau played in a really sad, sad time in our history," said Martina Hone of the Commerce Department, which oversees the Census. "We want to reassure the community it's not going to happen again."

USA Today, March 21, 2000

HOME-SCHOOLED KIDS ACE TESTS!

Home-schoolers have bettered the national averages on the ACT (a major college entrance exam) for the past three years running, scoring an average 22.7 last year, compared with 21 for their more traditional peers. Home-schoolers scored 23.4 in English, well above the 20.5 national average; and 24.4 in reading, compared with a mean of 21.4. The gap was closer in science (21.9 vs. 21.0), and home-schoolers scored below the national average in math, 20.4 to 20.7. On the SAT test, home-schoolers scored an average 1,083 (verbal 548, math 535), 67 points above the national average of 1,016.

Wall Street Journal, February 12, 2000

BRITAIN'S HEALTH SERVICE IS SICK, PART I

Cancer care horror stories are as common as the winter flu in England. Doctors, health-care advocates and even the government say that Britain's record on cancer, the country's second biggest killer after cardiovascular disease, is nothing short of disgraceful, a stark example of the limitations of Britain's fraying system of socialized medicine. The World Health Organization says that 25,000 people die unnecessarily of cancer in Britain each year — people who would most likely have survived if they have lived in other countries. The phrase "third world cancer" describes the

National Health Service for years according to the Director General of the Cancer Research Campaign.

The New York Times, February 10, 2000

BRITAIN'S HEALTH SERVICE IS SICK, PART II

On January 31, Dr. Fred Shipman was convicted of murdering 15 female patients, most of them elderly, by injecting them with pure heroin, apparently for the thrill of it. There is no suggestion he killed to relieve his patients of suffering. Investigators think he may have killed hundreds over a medical career that spanned 25 years. He was not caught by the authorities of the British Health Service. He was caught only because he got sloppy by forging the will of a woman whose daughter was a lawyer savvy enough not to buy his explanations. While awaiting trial, Dr. Shipman collected more than \$160,000 of taxpayer-funded salary.

The San Diego Union-Tribune, March 3, 2000

ONE BAGEL, HOLD THE POPPY SEEDS AND RIBOFLAVIN!

Here are some of the substances that can cause false-positive drug-test results for marijuana: hempseed oil, poppy seeds or riboflavin (abundant in milk, meat, eggs, and leafy vegetables). In urine tests, ibuprofen, Aleve, and liver disease can mimic marijuana; amoxicillin, tonic water, and kidney disease can imitate cocaine; and Nyquil, Afrin and Ritalin can register as amphetamines. More information is available in the book *Ur-ine Trouble* by Dr. Kent Holtorf and the accompanying web site (www.passdrugtests.com). "Several million tests are given every year and certainly several thousand result in false positives."

San Diego Reader, March 9, 2000

NOTABLE QUOTABLES

These two quotes were printed in the *North County Times*. Submitted by Phyllis Avery, pavery2@juno.com

"If addicts can be punished for their addiction, then the insane can be punished for their insanity." *William O. Douglas*

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James Madison

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Executive Director Update: Maintains a Hectic Schedule

ROS RECOVERS FROM CONVENTION AND HITS THE CAMPUS!



JUAN ROS

It's been over a month since the LPC's 2000 convention in San Diego, but LPC Executive Director (and convention organizer) Juan Ros is still recovering from the successful event, held February 18-21 in San Diego.

"To be perfectly honest, I was terrified that the convention was going to be a disaster," Ros admitted. "Convention attendance is notoriously difficult to predict. Our early

registrations were on the low side, so I didn't know what to expect. But when I saw the standing-room-only crowd for Nathaniel Branden on opening night, I knew we were going to have a great weekend."

During the convention, Ros worked double-duty as convention troubleshooter/problem solver, plus his regular duties as the LPC's full-time staffer. That included plenty of media requests from local radio and television outlets.

"This year's convention had far more media coverage than any of the conventions I have worked on," Ros noted. "A presidential election year and an early California primary combined to make our convention relevant and interesting to the local San Diego media."

Indeed, in the days before and during the convention, Ros received an unprecedented 10 media requests. Ros was interviewed by *The San Diego Union-Tribune*, as was party founder and convention Keynote Speaker David Nolan. In addition, *The Los Angeles Times*, *Orange County Register*, and Associated Press covered the convention.

Local television stations also responded to Ros's media advisory announcements of the convention. Ros was interviewed by the local ABC and NBC affiliates, plus independent station Channel 9. The local WB network affiliate interviewed banquet speaker Arianna Huffington as well. Finally, C-SPAN taped and later broadcast the debate among four contenders for the Libertarian presidential nomination.

On the last day of the convention, Ros did a live in-studio appearance on local NPR station KPBS-FM, debating the "No" side on two March ballot bond measures, Propositions 12 and 13. "I don't think I've done that many media interviews in such a short span of time ever!" Ros recalled. "But it just proves that our state media strategy is effective, and that the LPC is gaining in credibility."

The LPC is also gaining registered voters. In a report issued days before the February convention, the Secretary of State announced that Libertarian voter registrations had surpassed those of the Reform Party for the first time. As of January 7, 87,027 voters had

chosen to be affiliated with the Libertarian Party, while only 86,774 supported the Reform Party. Overall, Libertarian voter registrations have increased by 18% since December, 1997, while Reform Party registrations have plunged 12% in the same period.

"Again, all signs are positive and point to the continued success of the LP," Ros said. "Voters would clearly rather affiliate with a party that takes consistent, principled positions on the issues than a non-ideological party founded by an eccentric billionaire whose candidates span the spectrum from religious conservative (Pat Buchanan) to pseudo-libertarian (Jesse Ventura, who since has left the Reform Party)."

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Ros is also reaching out to college students. On March 8, Ros was a guest lecturer for a political science class at UCLA. The class, Political Science 142A, is titled "Political Parties," and at the professor's request Ros addressed the 55 students on the Libertarian Party Platform and the organizational structure of the party.

"These were upper-level undergraduate students, and they all seemed very familiar with the LP. They asked incisive, pointed questions — I was very impressed." One of the students even interviewed Ros for a class assignment on how to "revitalize" the Libertarian Party.

Ros has been invited back next quarter to guest lecture for the same professor on the subject of political advocacy. "I enjoyed my lecturing experience, and I hope my relationship with UCLA is just beginning," Ros added.

In the meantime, Ros will be working hard to reach the personal goals he set for himself this year: helping Northern Vice Chair Rodney Austin establish active Libertarian regions in every county of the state, and helping recruit the non-partisan candidates the LPC needs in order to meet its "200-in-2000" candidate goal.

"There are gaps in our regional structure and gaps in our candidate slate which need filling, and I'm committed to filling those gaps," Ros declared. "Without active regions, the LP cannot be visible. Without candidates, the LP cannot spread its message. These goals are both very important to me personally, and I'll do what I can to reach them."

Ros also hopes to take advantage of interest in electoral politics this year and surpass his media activity from 1999. "There is so much to do, and all of it is critical to the LPC," Ros said. "But I'd rather suffer from too much media than not enough — so bring it on!"

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Summary of Libertarian National Committee Meeting

March 11, 12 Meeting in Chicago, Illinois

The Libertarian National Committee met 11-12 March 2000 in Chicago, Illinois.

The minutes of the meeting of 11-12 December were tentatively approved with corrections to be proposed after the meeting.

The Chair gave a brief report.

The Treasurer reported on the financial situation, with special emphasis on liquidity. Discussion included our end of 1999 position and the treatment of funds that are being received for the convention.

Regional representatives presented reports on states in their regions, covering varying topics including: ballot access, prospects for candidates and campaigns, visibility of the presidential campaigns, recent elections, conventions, new state officers, and local organizing.

The National Director reported on various topics including: a delay in completing a budget for the convention, the hiring of new staff, revenue and expenses for the year so far, prospects for presidential debates, problems in getting the new MIS to interface well with affiliate party database systems, and response to the annual report mailing.

There was discussion of accounting errors that resulted in the reserve policy being violated and the general question of the timeliness of reporting of financial problems. The LNC voted to require that the Director promptly notify the LNC whenever he notices any standing policy being violated.

There was discussion of the outstanding issue of "libertarianparty" domain names being held by a party activist. The consensus of the LNC was that the LP should not enter into a business deal using these names at this time and that the Chair should thank the activist for obtaining the names for us but make clear that control of the names needs to be turned over to the LP.

The LNC was given a demo of the new web



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Regional
Representative

site design and there was discussion of when the site will likely be ready to be launched.

A staff bonus plan proposed by the Compensation Committee was adopted; the plan provides for a year-end bonus based primarily on achievement of the "core goals" but with some recognition for accomplishment of other goals as long as the core goals have been at least minimally met.

The LNC considered a draft Program prepared by the Program Committee; the Program Committee was directed to accept comments on the draft through 7 April and prepare a revised text that can be voted on by the LNC by 30 April.

The Political Director reported on various topics including Libertarians in office, candidate recruiting, and ballot access.

The Communications Director reported on recent media activity, the LP News, resumption of publication of the Libertarian Volunteer, and training for TV appearances. There was discussion of a recent complaint about an item that had been published in the

Libertarian Volunteer two years ago, and about what policies should apply if an advertisement were submitted to LP News that contained misinformation and/or attacks on party activists.

The LNC went into executive session to discuss with General Counsel several topics relating to current or potential litigation.

Appointments were made to the Credentials Committee, and additional appointments were made to other committees, for the upcoming national convention. Gary Johnson was appointed interim chair for the Credentials Committee.

Other topics briefly discussed included: announced candidates for officer positions, whether bills not paid for extended periods should be considered "borrowing", whether the cost of a current lawsuit was confidential, whether to recommend that the new LNC have a meeting in the fall, and possible sites for the 2002 and 2004 conventions.

The next meeting is scheduled for 29 June 2000 in Anaheim, California.

This is a summary of the meeting and is not intended to be a complete record of business.



LPC Executive Committee March 2000 Meeting Highlights

by Joe Dehn

- Budget amended to allow printing and mailing two additional issues of LPC Monthly.
- Executive Director and database/bookeeping (Withease) contracts approved.
- 2001 convention awarded to Liberty Services (Cullene Lang), to be held on Presidents Day weekend.
- Agreement on national delegate list procedures.
- Contract for rental of statewide mailing list approved.
- US House / state legislative candidates granted access to member data.
- New committee appointments: Membership, Legislative, Human Resources, Budget, Convention Oversight.
- Strategy discussions.

For more information about state Executive Committee meetings, see:
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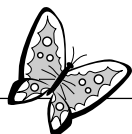
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